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"FILMS SANDWICHED IN" SERIES  
FEATURES VARIETY OF SUBJECTS

Mrs. T.A. Rich, program chairman, announced the schedule for this fall's "Films Sandwiched In" series to be held Mondays at noon in the meeting room of the Central Library. These popular programs, combining lunch, colored films and discussion, are sponsored by the Friends and are open to the public.

October 20 -- Travel  
"Yankee Sails Across Europe"

October 27 -- Politics  
"True Story of an Election"

November 3 -- The Problem of Poverty  
"Hunger in America"

November 10 -- Modern Art  
"The Responsive Eye"  
"Twentieth Century Art"

Films, beginning at 12:15 p.m will last just under an hour, and will be followed by informal discussion for those who wish to participate.

Sandwiches (beef, turkey, ham and cheese) may be ordered at \$.75 each by calling the Central Library between 9 and 10:30 a.m. the day of the program. Those who wish may bring their own lunches. Coffee and tea will be sold in the meeting room.

This series will be followed by a world affairs series of "Table Talks" and by "Books Sandwiched In," also at noontimes in the Library meeting room.

NEW LIBRARY SEES RECORD USE

Circulation is booming, up an average of 49% for the first 5 months of operation in the new Central Library Building. April, the first month of operation, saw a peak use of 53.7%. Registration for new cards and renewals are up 122% for the same period. The meeting room facilities have been used forty times between April and August by outside groups.

The Director's Chair

Many thanks to our Friends -- for volunteer assistance organizing tours and hosting the dedication reception, for gifts for the meeting room of a coffee pot and small refrigerator and for the cash gift for the staff room which will be used to buy a framed print. Your help in these and many other ways is making our library a very nice place to use or work in.

-- E. Leonore White

VOLUNTEERS ASSIST LIBRARY STAFF  
IN HAMILTON HILL BOOK PROJECT

For the second year, the SCPL engaged in a project of reading stories and lending paperback books to children in the Hamilton Hill area. Walking with a shopping cart full of books, the librarians could stop wherever children gathered. Nine volunteers recruited by Mrs. John F. Brown, Jr., chairman of volunteer services, were trained to assist with this program. Staff and volunteers were able to reach more than 400 children each week during the ten-week program. A total of 771 stories were read and told to 3,415 children and 1,950 books were borrowed.

FRIENDS CONCERNED ABOUT LIBRARY STAFFING

Though the Library had requested additional staff in the 1969 county budget, the Board of Representatives had not authorized any new positions by the time of the opening of the new building. Increasingly concerned as use of the library grew and placed great burdens on the staff, the Board of Directors of the Friends asked Mrs. Charles Concordia, president, to write the Representatives indicating the Friends' support of the library's request for additional staff.

As of September 1, six new employees including a senior librarian for the Children's Room (requested in the last four budgets) and a maintenance mechanic were authorized. These were fewer than the original request for 21 new staff positions.

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FRIENDS SEEK NEW MEMBERS  
GOAL: 500 BY DECEMBER

Mrs. John Mahar, membership chairman, reports a total of 424 individual members of the Friends. She and her committee sent over 450 brochures to individuals and organizations in September to invite their membership.

SCPL NEEDS VOLUNTEERS; CAN YOU HELP?

At the request of the Library staff the Friends' committee on volunteer services is actively recruiting volunteers to work on a regular basis at the Information Desk and in the Catalog and Reference Departments. For information call Mrs. John F. Brown, Jr. at 377-2926

PLEASANT VALLEY BRANCH RELOCATES

On August 27th the Pleasant Valley Branch moved out of the Pleasant Valley School to 1006 Crane Street. Miss Adele Brown, experienced from the move of the Central Library, coordinated the moving operation.

The new location is popular with the public and staff, reports Mrs. Katherine Willsey, branch librarian. "On opening day children and adults were waiting outside the door for nearly an hour, eager to be the first ones in," she noted. Since opening in the new location use of the facility has doubled.

Mrs. Charles Concordia, president of the Friends, presented the branch staff with a gift from the Friends for use in the staff room.

SHUT-IN SERVICE CONTINUES

If you know of shut-ins who would enjoy reading library books brought to them by volunteers from the Friends or if you would like to volunteer to provide books to shut-ins, please call Mrs. John Kagay at 377-6834.

SUMMER FILM SERIES EXPANDED

A seven week series of outdoor movies were sponsored by the Friends in three locations: Tuesdays at Yates Village, Wednesdays at Horace Mann School, where a similar series was held last summer, and Thursdays at Steinmetz Homes. Hollywood films including The Great Race, Lilies of the Field, Pride of the Yankees, and At the Circus with the Marx Brothers were shown as well as entertaining shorts and features from the Mohawk Valley Library Association film collection. Film watchers, in groups of tremendously varying sizes, watched the movies projected on sheets attached to boards.

Volunteers assisting by attending the movies included Glenn Burrows, Mr. & Mrs. William Jennings, Mr. & Mrs. Lyman Johnson, Mr. & Mrs. John McGrew, Mr. & Mrs. James Nelson, Harold Simpson and Mr. & Mrs. George Watkins. Also giving invaluable help were the Senior Citizens Center, the Schenectady City Schools and the Municipal Housing Authority.

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER

Miss Louise S. Haughton was recognized as the Volunteer of the Year by the Friends at the annual meeting, April 14. She continues to contribute eight hours a week assisting Miss Ruth Adams in the Children's Room.

AT THE CENTRAL LIBRARY

Pre-school story hours for 3 to 5 year olds on Tuesdays at 10 and 11 a.m.

Films for young adults beginning October 1 on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

October 8 - "White Wilderness," "Niko"  
October 22 - "Sky Caper," "Runner," and "Hole"  
November 5 - "Time Pieces," "Game of War," and "Liquid Jazz"

## STEVE FITZ ON "PRIME TIME" BEGINS "BOOKS SANDWICHED IN" SERIES JANUARY 19

A distinguished group of reviewers and books will be featured in 1970's first "Books Sandwiched In" series beginning Monday, January 19 at 12 noon in the library meeting room. These meetings continue a popular program of the Friends, combining book discussions and lunch and are open to the public.

Mrs. T. A. Rich, program chairman, announced the following schedule:

January 19

Prime Time by Alexander Kendrick  
The biography of Edward R. Murrow, the radio commentator whose excellence set a style for so many who followed him.

Commentator: Steve Fitz, WGY personality and Friends vice-president

January 26

Sherwood Anderson's Memoires edited by Ray L. White

A new edition of the memoirs of a noted American author, the writer of Winesburg, Ohio.

Commentator: Prof. Harold Blodgett, retired Union College professor of English

February 2

Neighborhood Government by Milton Kotler  
A unique proposal for decentralization of city government to solve urban problems.

Commentator: John Scott, Schenectady City Manager

February 9

Spirit of Place by Lawrence Durrell  
A witty and unusual collection of his travel essays and letters written within the past three decades.

Commentator: Miles Martin, Schenectady's well-known traveler and photographer.

February 16

The Strawberry Statement by James Kunen  
The diary of a 19 year old Columbia University student who describes the student demonstrations of 1968.

Commentator: Mrs. Harold Chestnut, graduate student in college administration and assistant registrar at Schenectady Community College.

Those attending may bring their own lunches or may order sandwiches (beef, turkey or ham and cheese) at \$.75 each by calling the Main Library between 9 and 10:30 a.m. the day of the program. Coffee and tea will be sold at the library.

## FRIENDS RECEIVE FEDERAL TAX-EXEMPT STATUS AND NEW YORK STATE CHARTER

Mrs. Charles Concordia, president, has announced that the Friends of the Schenectady County Public Library has been notified by the Internal Revenue Department that it qualifies under the Internal Revenue Code 501 (c) (3) as a non-profit, tax-exempt educational organization. The group has also been notified by the State Board of Regents that the Friends has been granted an absolute Charter as an educational corporation of New York State. The charter, which incorporates the Friends, allows the group to receive bequests and makes clear in law that the group's purpose is educational.

The president expressed deep appreciation to Mr. Kent Dixon for his help in preparing the Federal application and to Mr. James Pemberton for his assistance with the application for a charter and incorporation from the State Board of Regents.

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE ASKS MEMBERS' HELP

The membership committee wants to reach its goal of 500 members by the time of the annual meeting in April. Please help by phoning Mrs. John Mahar, membership chairman (FR 4-1046) if you have names of prospective members for the Friends -- individuals, organizations or businesses.

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PLEASANT VALLEY BENEFITS FROM VAN EPPS FUND

A new record player and records for use in the Pleasant Valley Branch Library are being purchased by the Friends through the Florence Van Epps Memorial Fund. This memorial to Miss Van Epps, long-time librarian at Pleasant Valley, was established in 1961 at the time of her death by her many friends in Schenectady and her professional associates during her years in the SCPL system.

A life-long Schenectady resident, Miss Van Epps served the library for 39 years from 1921 until her retirement in 1960. During that period she worked under each director of the library since its founding from Mr. Glenn to Miss White. After her retirement from SCPL she continued her library work at Bishop Gibbons High School.

\*\*\*SAVE THE DATE\*\*\*

April 16, 1970 -- Annual Meeting  
Representative Daniel Button will speak.  
Details in the next newsletter.

GIFTS CAN HELP THE LIBRARY TO GROW; FRIENDS' SUPPORT SOUGHT

As the new library settles down to give normal service to the reading public, it finds itself catering to more and more people. Such increases in service are healthy and are indeed looked for. However these demands stretch the available present budget to the utmost, and the Friends of the Library are seeking ways to strengthen the work of the library and to aid its hard working staff.

There are several ways in which such help can be given. Some people spend time in the library as volunteer workers, doing many operations which are very necessary and often require meticulous care of detail.

Another way to help the library is to donate money to the Friends of the Library for present needs, of which there are many. The library could use new equipment such as a display table, turn tables for listening to records, a slide projector, or a movie projector. There is increasing demand for more phonograph records, and framed prints to be hung in homes. There is more demand for books in foreign languages and for books of special interests.

Gifts to the Friends of the Library for use in the library may be made in a number of ways:

- (1) Money may be given as a general gift for immediate use.
- (2) A gift may be made in the name of a living person, or an organization, and be given recognition as such.
- (3) A memorial gift may be made in the name of a deceased person, and be recognized by name and purpose.
- (4) More formal gifts may be made by bequest and by will, with the help of an attorney.
- (5) A Friends of the Library Endowment Fund has been established, and its investment will yield income for use.

If it is possible for you to help in any of these ways of supporting our library, will you kindly contact me at my home by letter or by telephone.

Louis Navias  
Chairman, Gifts and Endowments  
37 Front Street, Schenectady 12305  
374-5359

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ALL MEMBERS INVITED TO APRIL 16 ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER  
 REP. DANIEL BUTTON WILL BE FEATURED SPEAKER

Noting National Library Week, the Friends will hold their fifth annual meeting and dinner on Thursday, April 16 at the Walhalla Club. A social hour will begin at 6:00 p.m. with dinner at 7:00. Friends' President, Mrs. Charles Concordia, urges all members to make a special effort to attend this fifth anniversary meeting.

Featured speaker will be Congressman Daniel Button who will talk on "Communications in a Free Society." This subject, of vital concern to those interested in the library, has been recently enlivened by Vice President Spiro Agnew.

Other events of the meeting will include:

...remarks by Miss White, Library Director, on the first year of operation in the new Central Library building.

...the honoring of a most distinguished Volunteer of the Year, a key person in the push for the new building.

...recognition of library staff completing twenty years of service.

...presentation of gifts to the Library and its staff from the Friends

...election of new officers and presentation of the Friends' written annual report.

Please make reservations on the form below by April 10. Those paying for dinner in advance will receive a discount on the price of the dinner. After April 10, reservations may be made at \$5.25 per person by calling Mrs. T.A.Rich at 399-1793.

If you cannot attend the dinner you are most welcome to join the group for the program at 8:15 p.m. No reservations needed.

SPRING "BOOKS SANDWICHED IN" TO BEGIN

Mrs. T.A.Rich, Program Chairman, has announced that a spring series of "Books Sandwiched In" will begin April 16. Meetings will be on Monday noons in the Community Room of the Central Library. Friends will soon receive a special mailing announcing the details of the six-talk series.

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places in my name for the Friends of the Library dinner on Thursday, April 16, at the Walhalla Club.

Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (@ \$4.75 per person).

I will pay at the door (@ \$5.25 per person) \_\_\_\_\_.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: Friends of the Schenectady County Public Library.

Mail to: Mrs. Donald Kerr, 1135 Avon Road, Schenectady, N.Y. 12308

Reservation deadline: April 10

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE PRESENTS 1970-71 SLATE

The following slate of officers and directors will be voted on by the membership at the Annual Meeting on April 16:

President: Mrs. John F. Brown, Jr.  
1st V.P. : Miss Anna M. Turkalo  
2nd V.P. : Mrs. John W. Mahar  
Secretary: Miss Ruth Anne Evans  
Treasurer: Dr. Louis Navias

Directors: Mrs. John E. Bigelow  
(New) Mrs. George C. Gould  
Bruce R. Laumeister  
James L. Pemberton  
David A. Yates

Directors: Dr. Louis Navias (1 year)  
(Renomina- Mrs. John Mahar  
ted) Miss Anna M. Turkalo

The new board nominees offer a variety of talents to the Friends' Board. Mrs. Bigelow served as Public Relations Chairman from 1967-69. Mrs. Gould now serves on the committee planning the Friends' book collection exhibit. Mr. Laumeister is manager of the Advanced Products Operation at GE Research & Development Center and is President of Better Neighborhoods, Inc. Mr. Pemberton, a lawyer, has been legal advisor to the Friends' Gifts and Endowment Committee. Mr. Yates, a recently retired GE executive, has been assisting in the Books Sandwiched In programs.

Board members continuing in office are: Vincent Aceto, Larry Bellamy, Mrs. Brown, Fred O. Dutcher, Miss Evans, Dr. Walter Grattidge, Mrs. Lyman Johnson, Mrs. Donald Kerr, Mrs. Fred Luborsky, Fred W. McChesney, Miss Helen Mynderse, Mrs. Herbert Poller and Robert Snow. Mrs. Charles Concordia will serve one additional year in her capacity as immediate past president.

Appreciation for their service is in order for the retiring board members: Kent Dixon, Stephen A. Fitz, Mrs. Paul A. Frank, Harry Goldschlag, Mrs. John Kagay, Mrs. R. Hosmer Norris, Mrs. T.A. Rich and J.F. Heaword Robinson.

Nominating Committee Chairman, Mrs. Paul A. Frank, was assisted in the preparation of the slate by Ralph Bengston, Mrs. Mahar, Mrs. Norris and Alvin Price.

BOUQUETS OF DAFFODILS

The Friends very much appreciate the help received during the last Books Sandwiched In Series. Mrs. George Connelly organized the serving of coffee and tea with her helpers Miss Justine Connelly, Mrs. Vernon Hovey, Jr., Mrs. John Mahar, Mrs. Elizabeth Moon, Mrs. Charles Moore, Mrs. Mike Pendall, Mrs. Walter Reinach and Miss E. Louise Wade.

Thanks too to Mr. and Mrs. David Yates who picked up the sandwiches and to Mrs. Doris Hicks of the Library staff who took sandwich orders.

EVERY MEMBER CANVASS PROGRESSES

The Volunteer Services Committee has tried to reach each member of the Friends to survey their interest in helping the Library or the Friends as a volunteer now or in the future. Phone calls have been made by Mrs. John F. Brown, Jr., committee chairman, and by Mrs. John M. Todd, III. If you have not been reached and are interested in this important area of the Friends' activities, please call Mrs. Brown at 377-2926.

\*\*\* NEWS FLASH \*\*\*

Mrs. John Mahar, Membership Chairman, reports that the Friends have reached their 1969-70 goal of 500 individual members. Last year at this time there were 355 members. Congratulations on this 41% increase.

## THE DIRECTOR'S CHAIR

Most annual reports are dated January. The library's deadline each year is March, when the report must be turned in to the Clerk of the Board of Representatives. Because the report is so fresh in my mind, I would like to share with you a few of the library's achievements in 1969.

<u>Circulation</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>Increase over</u> <u>1968</u>
Total system	941,449	14.84%
Central library only	531,473	33.02%

### Books Added to Collection in 1969

Purchases	18,596
Gifts	965
Central Book Aid	4,327
Total	23,888

All these add up to a job well done by library staff, with the help of 2,016 hours of volunteer service during the year. Volunteer help represents the service of more than one full-time person and without this help many tasks in the library would go undone.

### Future Needs

Books -- The use of the new central library building has resulted in a serious depletion of book stock. Increased circulation has not been matched by increased buying and there is a great need for supplementation of the adult collection in many subject fields and of the collection in the Children's Room. One attempt to alleviate this shortage has been to limit the number of non-fiction titles borrowed to three in any one Dewey Decimal classification. Central and branch libraries are also making more use of the phonograph record collection than ever before, and additional funds are needed to purchase more phonograph records.

Staff -- Staff is the crying need at the central library -- at the reference and information desks, at the circulation desk, in the Children's Room (part-time) and in the Acquisitions and Processing Department.

Space -- The Duane and Scotia Branches need space -- space for books, space for staff, space for readers. The Woodlawn Branch needs ground floor space and parking space. Unless such space is found, the services of the branches cannot continue to grow and may even decrease.

New Service Outlets -- There is an urgent need for a branch or community reading center in the Hamilton Hill area for adults and most particularly for children who find it impossible to get to the central library. It is hoped that a service of some kind can be established in 1970 to serve the residents of Census Tract 9 and 10.

Conclusion -- 1969 was a red letter year with the new central library building and the exciting response of the public to the improved facilities. We hope that 1970 will set new records in all directions, especially in service to the public.

-- E. Leonore White

FRIENDS SPONSOR "BOOK COLLECTING AS A HOBBY". EXHIBIT WILL BE PART OF CITY ARTS FESTIVAL. MEMBERS ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT

In cooperation with the Schenectady Arts Council, the Friends of the Library will sponsor an exhibit, "Book Collecting as a Hobby." It will be held Friday and Saturday, May 22-23, in the Community Room of the Central Library. The exhibit will include the special collections of several Schenectadians as well as composite collections to which any interested person may offer even one book in a number of special categories.

Friends' Program Chairman, Mrs. T. A. Rich, notes that there are several ways Friends members can participate in this project. "Lots of help is needed."

By offering books for the composite collections in any of these categories:

1. Bibles -- very old or otherwise especially interesting

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Book Exhibit (continued from p. 3)

2. Cookbooks -- old, foreign, or both. The committee is especially interested in those brought from abroad by immigrants of the past century.

3. Presentation copies -- books autographed by distinguished authors, in which the author wrote more than his signature

4. School books -- published before 1870, particularly readers or other elementary school books

5. Etiquette books -- published before 1870.

Since only 6 or 8 books in each type can be displayed, the committee will select from among those offered, making note for future reference of all books offered.

By serving as hosts when the exhibit is open to the public on May 22 and 23.

By helping set up the display. Men handy with tools are especially needed on May 21 to build the display covers of wood and plastic and to set up tables.

If you have books to offer, call one of the members of the exhibit committee: Mrs. C.A. Woodrow (374-0055), Mrs. Herbert Poller (393-1902) or Mrs. T. A. Rich (399-1793).

Call Mrs. Rich if you are interested in volunteering as a host or preparing the exhibits.

Miss Phyllis Bornt and Mrs. George Gould have also served on this exhibit planning committee.

WATCH TELECON, APRIL 1, CHANNEL 17 for a chance to hear more and ask questions about this book exhibit.

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Books Sandwiched In: Spring, 1970 series  
sponsored by Friends of the Library

- April 13: Dr. Bruce Brummitt will discuss  
"Four on Education"
- April 20: Dr. Frank Ham will discuss The  
Oppenheimer Case: Security on  
Trial by Philip Stern
- April 27: Dr. Joseph Board will discuss  
High on Foggy Bottom by  
Charles Frankel
- May 4: Dr. Carl Neimeyer will talk on  
"Galsworthy Revisited," a dis-  
cussion of The Forsyte Saga and  
the man who wrote it.
- May 11: Annual review of books for sum-  
mer reading by library staff
- May 18: Miss Adele Brown will talk on  
"Books before you Book"... the  
uses of books in planning and  
enjoying travel

All meetings at noon in the Meeting  
Room of the Central Library...open to all,  
no charge. Bring your own sandwich, or  
order one by phoning 372-4415 between 9  
and 10:30 a.m., day of meeting. Beverages  
on sale.

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IF YOU HAVE NOT YET MADE YOUR RESERVATION  
for the Friends' annual dinner, Walhalla  
Club, April 16, do so soon. Deadline  
April 10. \$4.75 in advance; \$5.25 at the  
door. Mail checks to Mrs. Donald Kerr,  
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## 'BOOK COLLECTING AS A HOBBY' TITLE OF DISPLAY TO BE SEEN IN THE COMMUNITY

ROOM OF THE LIBRARY, FRIDAY, MAY 23 and SATURDAY, MAY 24

The Friends will participate in the City Arts Festival to be held the week of May 18-23, by sponsoring an exhibit of rare books at the Library on Friday, 22, from noon until 9 p.m. and on Saturday, 23, from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Special collections of Schenectadians which will be on display are 16th and 18th century volumes belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Francis Lordi; rare Galsworthy editions which are the property of Union College; Dr. and Mrs. Hans Rozendaal's collection of Blake; a collection of books about wild flowers belonging to Mrs. Albert C. Titus; Mr. Ralston Reid's books about fishing; books by the local historian, John J. Vrooman, belonging to Mrs. John Vrooman; a local history collection which is the property of Miss Helen Mynderse, a collection of miniature books belonging to Miss Ruth Adams; guide books collected by Miss Leonore White; and books about scientists associated with G.E. belonging to Mr. Philip Alger.

Another group will include school books dating back as far as the late 1700's. Still another group will be devoted to Bibles and related volumes and will include Bibles from the early 1800's as well as rare, old books of instruction in religion.

Another interesting exhibit will be devoted to presentation copies, books autographed by distinguished authors with a personal note as well as the signature.

The members of the Friends who have worked on the committee organizing this exhibit are Mrs. T.A. Rich, Mrs. James Howgate, Mrs. Herbert Poller, Mrs. M.E. Haviland, Mrs. Charles Woodrow, Mrs. George Gould, Miss Phyllis Bornt, and Mr. Vincent Aceto.

Because of their interest in books, this display will be of particular interest to Friends of the Library. The possibility has been discussed of forming a group of Friends interested in the hobby of book collecting. Anyone interested in such a group should contact Mrs. Lyman Johnson.

## ANNUAL MEETING HELD IN APRIL

The annual meeting of the Friends was held as scheduled in April but the program was not as scheduled. Rep. Dan Button, who was to be the speaker was unable to attend due to an important vote in Washington so several members of the Friends filled in. Harold Blodgett, Ronald Dixon, Donald Kerr, and Jim Pemberton spoke on what they had hoped Rep. Button would say about communications. 'One of the most interesting annual meetings ever', was the view expressed by those attending.

## THANKS TO DR. BRUCE BRUMMITT

Dr. Brummitt, superintendent of Schenectady schools, spoke at one of the 'Books Sandwiched In' programs. As an expression of appreciation to these speakers, the Friends usually give the speaker a copy of the book he reviews. Dr. Brummitt noticed that the Library did not have a copy of one of the books he spoke about, 'Thomas Jefferson's Garden Book', and graciously contributed his gift copy to the Library.

MESSAGE FROM THE NEW  
PRESIDENT

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BOOKS AND STORIES ON HAMILTON HILL  
THIS SUMMER

For the third summer, the Library is conducting a storytelling and paperback book-lending program in the Hamilton Hill area, and for the second summer, the Friends will help provide volunteers to enable the library staff to reach an even greater number of children.

Miss Ruth Adams and Mrs. Janet Hutchinson of the Library staff are in charge of the program which will start as soon as school is over. Mrs. Dale Timberlake, chairman of Volunteer Services, is recruiting volunteers from the Friends.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Mrs. Dale Timberlake who is in charge of volunteer services for the Friends is anxious to fill two needs:

1. Someone to read to a resident at the Hallmark Nursing Home who has recently gone blind.
2. Volunteers to give one morning a week during the summer to assist a librarian with the book carts in the Hamilton Hill area. This will involve reading stories to children, usually on a playground, and assisting the librarian in other ways. Mrs. Timberlake can be reached at 372-5872.

Looking ahead . . . . .

... at strengthening community wide support for the Library:

The Friends' membership of over 500 represents a solid core of public support and will continue to increase.

The Friends expect to broaden their efforts toward developing 'an informed interest in library services, facilities and needs' within the community and to 'support all extensions of library services' in the County. With this purpose in mind, a new community liaison committee has been formed headed by Dr. Walter Grattidge.

... at programs

Our 'Books Sandwiched In' series will continue next season under Mrs. T.A. Rich's guidance.

The Program Committee will be offering some new ideas for next year --- watch for details.

... at volunteer services:

The Library's summer program on Hamilton Hill will again be aided by volunteers from the Friends.

Increasing numbers of Friends are volunteering in various services at the library.

Along with an able Board and a responsive membership, I'm looking forward to a successful year ahead for the Friends.

--- Eleanor Brown

NEW OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE  
CHAIRMEN ANNOUNCED

The next page of this news letter will serve as a ready reference during the year for names of officers and chairmen.

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Secretary . . . . .	Miss Ruth Anne Evans
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Community Liaison . . . . .	Dr. Walter Grattidge
Finance . . . . .	Dr. Louis Navias
Gifts and Endowment . . . . .	Mrs. Charles Concordia
Membership . . . . .	Mrs. George Connelly
National Library Week . . . . .	Mrs. John Mahar
Newsletter . . . . .	Mrs. J. E. Bigelow
Nominating . . . . .	Mrs. Donald Kerr
Program . . . . .	Mrs. Lyman Johnson
Public Relations . . . . .	Miss Anna Turkalo
Volunteer Services . . . . .	Mrs. Dale Timberlake
Representatives to Community Welfare Council . . . . .	Mr. Larry Bellamy Mr. Bruce Laumeister
Representative to Schenectady School Board Convention .	Mrs. Fred Luborsky
Alternate . . . . .	Mrs. Donald Kerr

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